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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDICTMENT

- against -

JOEL DAVID FORNEY,
also known as "Sirbar,"

Defendant

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Cr. No. 24-CR-146
(T. 18, U.S.C., §§ 1591(a)(1),
1591(a)(2), 1591(b)(1), 1594(d),
2421(a), 2422(b), 2428(a), 2 and 3551
et seq.; T. 21, U.S.C., § 853(p))

Judge Kiyo A. Matsumoto
Magistrate Judge Cheryl L. Pollak

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE
(Sex Trafficking)

1. In or about and between June 2016 and February 2017, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JOEL DAVID FORNEY, also known as "Sirbar," together with others, did knowingly and intentionally recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain and maintain by any means a person, to wit: Jane Doe #1, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, in and affecting interstate commerce, and did benefit, financially and by receiving things of value, from participation in a venture which engaged in such acts, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that means of force, threats of force, fraud and coercion, as described in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(e)(2), and a combination of such means, would be used to cause Jane Doe #1 to engage in one or more commercial sex acts,

which offense was effected by means of force, threats of force, fraud and coercion, and a combination of such means.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a)(1), 1591(a)(2), 1591(b)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT TWO

(Mann Act Transportation – Jane Doe #1)

2. On or about and between June 9, 2016 and June 12, 2016, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JOEL DAVID FORNEY, also known as “Sirbar,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally transport an individual, to wit: Jane Doe #1, in interstate commerce, with intent that such individual engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense, to wit: violations of New York Penal Law Section 230.00.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2421(a), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT THREE

(Mann Act Transportation – Jane Doe #1)

3. On or about and between June 25, 2016 and July 20, 2016, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JOEL DAVID FORNEY, also known as “Sirbar,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally transport an individual, to wit: Jane Doe #1, in interstate commerce, with intent that such individual engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense, to wit: violations of Connecticut General Statutes Section 53a-82.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2421(a), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FOUR
(Sex Trafficking)

4. In or about and between May 2017 and May 2018, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JOEL DAVID FORNEY, also known as “Sirbar,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain and maintain by any means a person, to wit: Jane Doe #2, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, in and affecting interstate commerce, and did benefit, financially and by receiving things of value, from participation in a venture which engaged in such acts, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that means of force, threats of force, fraud and coercion, as described in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(e)(2), and a combination of such means, would be used to cause Jane Doe #2 to engage in one or more commercial sex acts, which offense was effected by means of force, threats of force, fraud and coercion, and a combination of such means.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a)(1), 1591(a)(2), 1591(b)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT FIVE
(Mann Act Transportation – Jane Doe #2)

5. On or about and between October 1, 2017 and October 31, 2017, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JOEL DAVID FORNEY, also known as “Sirbar,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally transport an individual, to wit: Jane Doe #2, in interstate commerce, with intent that such individual engage in sexual activity for which a

person can be charged with a criminal offense, to wit: violations of Missouri Revised Statutes Section 567.020.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2421(a), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SIX
(Sex Trafficking)

6. In or about and between May 2017 and September 2017, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JOEL DAVID FORNEY, also known as “Sirbar,” together with others, did knowingly and intentionally recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain and maintain by any means a person, to wit: Jane Doe #3, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, in and affecting interstate commerce, and did benefit, financially and by receiving things of value, from participation in a venture which engaged in such acts, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that means of force, threats of force, fraud and coercion, as described in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(e)(2), and a combination of such means, would be used to cause Jane Doe #3 to engage in one or more commercial sex acts, which offense was effected by means of force, threats of force, fraud and coercion, and a combination of such means.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a)(1), 1591(a)(2), 1591(b)(1), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

COUNT SEVEN
(Mann Act Coercion and Enticement – Jane Doe #4)

7. In or about and between June 2014 and December 2014, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant JOEL DAVID FORNEY, also known as “Sirbar,” together with others, did

knowingly and intentionally persuade, induce, entice and coerce an individual, to wit: Jane Doe #4, an individual whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, to engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense, to wit: a violation of New York Penal Law Section 130.25(2).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422(b), 2 and 3551 et seq.)

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION
AS TO COUNTS ONE, FOUR AND SIX

8. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendant that, upon his conviction of any of the offenses charged in Counts One, Four and Six, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 1594(d), of: (a) any property, real or personal, that was involved in, used, or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of such offenses, and any property traceable to such property; and (b) any property, real or personal, constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of such offenses, or any property traceable to such property.

9. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be

divided without difficulty; it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United

States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1594(d); Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p))

**CRIMINAL FORFEITURE ALLEGATION
AS TO COUNTS TWO, THREE, FIVE AND SEVEN**

10. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendant that, upon his conviction of any of the offenses charged in Counts Two, Three, Five and Seven, the government will seek forfeiture in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 2428(a), which requires the forfeiture of: (a) any property, real or personal, that was used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of such offenses; and (b) any property, real or personal, constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of such offenses.

11. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or
- (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the forfeitable property described in this forfeiture allegation.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 2428(a); Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p))

A TRUE BILL


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Mr. Ricky Hobbs

Foreperson

Filed in open court this _____ *day,*

of _____ *A.D. 20* _____

Clerk

Bail, \$ _____

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